

Spotlight News

Live from the Red Carpet of Miss Gandelman's Room

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Grade 3
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Snapshots of Our Week

Reading:

This week in StoryTown we focused on reading stories about children around the world. Students were able to work in small groups, read about 2 different countries' cultures and compare/contrast them. Ask them what countries they learned about!

Writing:

We are finishing up our fairy tale unit. Students have been working hard on writing their fairy tale news reports. We also completed several writing exercises to help children work on sentence structure and adding in detail.

Math:

We are in the middle of Chapter 3, Addition. The chapter focuses on the 3 addition properties: rounding and estimating sums, problem solving strategies and missing addends. In the next unit, students will learn about money and time, Data and Probability.

Science/Social Studies:

We are well into our plant unit and the children are enjoying watching our Wisconsin Fast Plants grow. Our field trip went great as students dissected flowers and used a microscope to view each part.

In Social Studies we are learning about Chicago's History and geography. Ask your child about Google Earth!



Coming Attractions

Oct. 13- Field Trip to Heller Nature Center to learn about Bees

Now Featuring:

A Two-Thumbs Up Website

Time for Kids

This website is an outstanding resource for kid-friendly news stories. It is great practice for reading non-fiction text, and it provides lots of extra activities for students to complete after their reading.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/>

From The Teacher:

We are entering our 7th week of school! Time has gone by very quickly. In the classroom we are busy reading, writing, learning new math skills and making discoveries with our plant unit. Children have been hard at work writing their very own fairy tale "news reports". They spent a lot of time brainstorming ideas, editing and revising the reports. We will be videotaping each student read their report and at conferences you will be able to see it. Our service project is going very well as we just shipped a huge box full of toys to Alaska. Here are a few reminders:

- * Please send your child with a flash drive (at least 2 MB)
- * Check your child's assignment notebook daily for reminders/homework
- * Reading Logs are due back every Friday
- * Check the wiki for pictures from the field trip, sign up to volunteer for reading and view updates.
- * Send school supplies during the month of October for the service project.

Have a wonderful weekend!